

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 2, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, B. J. Atkins, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Water Conservation Specialist II Janet Keith, Executive Assistant's Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Senior Office Assistant Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board pulled item 5.2 for further discussion and approved the remaining items on the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-199, SCV-200 and SCV-201 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-199

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 015-2020
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-030221-Resolution-SCV-199.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. 200

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (ACWA/JPIA)**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-201

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
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To help with the discussion and provide more information for Item 5.2, the presentation on Item 6.2 was given first but a vote on Item 6.2 was not taken, the Board voted on this item after Item 6.1.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-198 adopting the Final Supplemental Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program under the California Environmental Quality Act for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) project by the following roll call votes (Item 5.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes

Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-198

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE RECYCLED WATER VISTA CANYON EXTENSION (PHASE 2B) PROJECT

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-030221-Resolution-SCV-198.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to implement the Purple PREP Pilot for recycled water on-site conversion support by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Director Colley and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement to purchase property for the Phase 2B Recycled Water tank location for up to \$65,000 and execute an agreement to transfer property to the City of Santa Clarita upon completion of the purchase of the new tank site by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).

The General Manager gave an update on the following items:

- Solar Purchase Power Agreements.

- UWI Spring Conference where he was a moderator on a panel discussing the WaterFix Project and gave details on that presentation.
- He thanked staff for their hard work on completing tonight's Item 6.2, Phase 2B recycled water tank location.
- Lastly, he touched back on the earlier public comment on the public's ability to add items to the agenda.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Director Armitage thanked the Water Resources Department for their Section Report that covered the SCV Water Green Team. She loves that we have a Green Team, with it being an integrated team, that focuses on sustainability. She was also happy to read about the recharge feasibility studies taking place to access how we can recharge groundwater on the east side. She has heard on numerous occasions from community members, who are concerned about that issue.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

President Martin updated the Board on Director Armitage's request that Committee meetings be recorded. He advised the Board that after discussion with the Board officers and staff at Agenda Planning, it was decided that Committee meetings would not be recorded due to future costs of those recordings once we go back to in-person meetings. It was felt that once we started recording these meetings we would need to continue and those costs would be very high.

He then updated the Board on upcoming conferences and Agency related meetings/webinars.

Lastly, he touched on Mr. Petzold's comments that were giving at the beginning of the meeting pertaining to the policy on the public requesting agenda items which was removed from the SCV Water website. He again mentioned that the policy that was on the website was not a Board approved policy and that is why it was taken down. Mr. Petzold's original request for an agenda item to be added to the Board agenda was considered as if the policy were in effect because of the confusion and as a courtesy. This was a one-time consideration, due to the fact, it is again not a Board Policy. Further he mentioned that the Board could consider such a policy in the future in its discretion. He reiterated that the Board Agenda is set by the Board and is under their purview. However, the public can contact any Director should they want to ask for something to be put on a future agenda. He does not see the Board moving forward with this item at this time.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and Directors Braunstein and Orzechowski and were included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Armitage and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

Vice President Gladbach reported that he attended the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021. He also took a moment to thank the Agency for sponsoring the event.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the AWWA Virtual Summit on Sustainable Water/ PFAS /Waterborne Pathogens held on February 10-11, 2021 and attended the Urban Water Institute Spring 2021 Virtual Conference held on February 17-18, 2021.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the the Urban Water Institute Spring 2021 Virtual Conference held on February 17-18, 2021, the SCWC Water Quality Matters Webinar on February 19, 2021 and the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021.

Director Colley reported that he met with the General Manager via teleconference for a one-on-one Director meeting on February 25, 2021.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the ACWA DC 2021 Virtual Conference on February 24, 2021 and the ACWA Business Development Program in February 2021.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports and all meetings were virtual.

Director Reports (Item 12).

Director Orzechowski thanked General Manager Stone and Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson for their quick response to a recent customer issue that he had brought to their attention.

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 13).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).

Director Armitage requested that the Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report, when released, be presented to the Board as a presentation with the objectives of helping Board members understand three things (1) how to find it online, (2) how customers can get a hard

copy and (3) how to read and understand the Consumer Confidence Report and what the numbers mean.

Director Atkins requested that we have a more in-dept discussion of the Westridge HOA issue that was raised during public comment and he expressed his concern with some of the public comments.

- General Counsel Joe Byrne mentioned this item would be discussed in Closed Session at the next Board meeting.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM (Item 15).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

